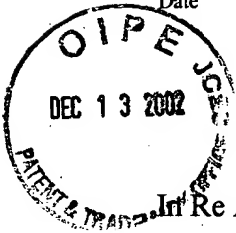


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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 69, 70, and 80.

Please amend claims 54, 64, 71, 79, 81, and 94-96 as indicated in Appendix A. The amended claims will then read as follows:

54. (Amended) A tissue plug for use in sealing an opening in a patient's tissue, comprising a solid object having a platen surface, which is adapted to cover the opening, contact the perimeter about the opening, or both; wherein the solid object is comprised of a material that is resorbable by the patient in a maximum of about 90 days and that is selected from the group consisting of: frozen physiologic saline; polyethylene glycol chemically conjugated to a naturally occurring compound; and a conjugate of collagen and a synthetic hydrophilic polymer.

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